

'GIRLS' OF MASK AND WIG HOLD DRESS REHEARSAL

University of Pennsylvania Club Shows Form for "Rip Van Winkle"

LOOK LIKE REAL MAIDS

By M'LISS

Smothered groans of, "Oh, I thought figures weren't hourglass this year," and "It won't meet by five inches" followed by muttered commands of, "Hold still, you simp, let on and draw your breath in," followed further by breathing labored and agonizingly syncopated—there you have the worst of "Mr. Rip Van Winkle," the Mask and Wig's twenty-ninth annual production.

Out front had gathered the favored few admitted to the dress rehearsal today at the Forrest Theatre, who were being tickled out of their impatience at the delay in sending up the curtain by the orchestra's rendition of the tuneful melodies that are going to set everybody humming next Monday night.

But then—the curtain did go up—and the "girls" wore their frocks as though they enjoyed them, and their French-heeled slippers as though they'd never danced in anything else, and they have legs that ought to bring Mr. Florenz Ziegfeld here post haste, and altogether a mere woman wonders how in the wide, wide world they manage to do it, without years and years of practice or the service of Julian Eltinge.

NOT A WAR SHOW

The story of this year's performance is happily an optimistic one without a single war tone, if the six Irene Castles in their charming gray Patria costumes are excluded. In brief, it deals with the efforts of Mr. Rip Van Winkle, an aged millionaire, to obtain the secret of youth from Old Black Joe, a sort of negro Mary Baker Eddy, Pollyanna and Pied Piper rolled into one, who lives on the mountain top and draws all the children to him by the charm of his banjo playing and happy tales.

Old Black Joe, played with an almost professional skill by Raymond D. Stevens, knows that "the heart's that happy never grows old," and that "smilin's the most contagious disease in the world." He can't understand why all the city folks come after his secret, when "taint no secret 'all."

Everybody predicts that Eddy Longstreth as Matilda is going to be one of the big hits. I thought so too, when I could take my eyes off the fascinating climbing costumes worn by Messrs. Billy Leonard and Joe Carpenter, the former wearing a pale lavender almost knee length—admirably suited to climbing the beautiful mountain that the futuristic scene artists conceived to be proper. The latter wears a biscuit-colored confection in Eton design and if "her" voice hadn't descended the masculine scale when she registered shock at being proposed to, one wouldn't have known that "her" name was "Billy."

LIFTED SONGS

Some of the songs have been lifted from the recent comic operas. One wonders why, the original ones are so clever and tuneful. "Only Asked to Marry You," by Wynant Johnson, and "Those Days of Chivalry" and "Money Will Open the Door," shoot way ahead of many that are put over by the professionals.

In the words of an old-timer who propped in to see the rehearsal, this production is "one of the big ones."

The cast follows:

- Old Black Joe.....Raymond D. Stevens, '17
A hermit, living in the Red Forest and said to have the secret of youth.
Jill a child.....Douglas P. Kingston, '19
Herb.....Edward J. Stewart, '18
Jack.....Duncan McD. Spencer, '20
Tom.....Joseph G. Carpenter, '18
Katie.....Joseph G. Carpenter, '18
Members of mountain climbing party.
Gerald.....Edward J. Stewart, '18
Brother and sister.....Stephen M. Birch, '18
Mr. Rip Van Winkle.....Robert F. McMurtrie, '19
An aged millionaire.
Dr. Oldschool.....Sylvan H. Hirsch, '19
Part E. Firstpart.....Sylvan H. Hirsch, '19
Part E. Secondpart.....Walter, '17
His lawyers.

The chorus is composed of the following:

- MEN: A. H. Welsch, '17; B. H. Hirsch, '18; R. T. Hillson, '18; W. S. Brenner, '18; O. W. Bridgman, '18; W. S. Brenner, '18; J. H. Egan, '19; K. C. Kennedy, '18; J. W. H. Menckle, '18; H. J. Nord, '18; J. H. Kneass, '18; N. H. Hamsey, '20; J. Y. Callahan, '18; D. J. Weber, '18; L. S. Gray, '18; D. P. Kingman, '19; L. S. Gray, '18; N. W. Perrine, Jr., '20; L. S. Gray, '18; R. H. Vets., Jr., Marshall, Jr., '19; W. Bell, '20; E. D. Graham, '18; H. E. Bell, '17; H. H. Urrut, '18; W. M. Sitarz, '17; W. H. Hart, '18; C. T. Lord, '20; W. B. McIntosh, '17; J. A. Kowley, '18; W. P. Buchanan, '20; C. A. R. Loftgren, '19; W. P. Buchanan, '20; J. A. Kowley, '18; S. S. Shannon, '17; J. F. Mohr, '19; J. F. Chiquoine, '18; H. H. Hunter, '19; H. P. Melcher, '17; F. T. Baughman, '18.

Elkton Marriage Licenses

ELKTON, Md., April 5.—Six Pennsylvania couples were granted permits to marry in Elkton this morning, as follows: Lloyd Gifford and Marie Coinge, Leroy Taylor and eMatrice Radcliffe and Earl Brown and Miriam Herb, all of Philadelphia; Ellis F. Barr and Anna Rock, Oxford; J. Frank Leo and Jennie M. Donnelly, Media; Spencer C. Goldsborough and Margaret D. Smithson, Newtown Square, Pa.

PREPAREDNESS

Surely proper care of the feet is an unquestioned necessity. HANNA, CHIROPDIST, 8 S. E. Cor. 18th & Sanson (Over Crane's) Corrs. Renewed, 23c Ea. Manicuring, 25c.

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WOMAN RAISES \$50,000 TO PROVIDE HOSPITALS

Mrs. Charles C. Harrison, Descendant of Robert Morris, Makes Units Possible

SITES TO BE NEAR CITY

One of the most notable achievements to be placed to Philadelphia's credit since the war clouds appeared has been accomplished by a woman. While plans were being made and discussed by State, city and other officials, Mrs. Charles C. Harrison, official treasurer of the women's working committee of the Southeastern Chapter of the American Red Cross has unostentatiously raised \$50,000 for the equipment of two army base hospitals in or near this city.

Mrs. Harrison is the wife of ex-Provost Harrison, of the University of Pennsylvania. She is a descendant of Robert Morris, leading financier of the American Revolution.

With the quiet determination of her ancestor, Mrs. Harrison has been at work among her relatives and friends. Announcement has been made that the needed \$50,000 has been subscribed.

Dr. Richard H. Harte, head of the Philadelphia Chapter of the Red Cross, has repeatedly told of the importance of establishing hospital base units in this city. They are needed, and needed badly.

The Merion Civic Club has announced the opening in the near future of what is described as "the first distinctively Red Cross house in the United States."

At a special meeting of the Northwestern General Hospital staff Governor Brumbaugh and Mayor Smith were offered the use of the hospital for the care of wounded soldiers and sailors, and plans were made for a course of public instruction in first aid work and emergency nursing.

The war relief committee of the Women's Section of the Navy League is sponsor for a lecture to be given tonight in the Hotel Adelphi by Lieutenant Surgeon E. Kilbourne Tulledge, at which pictures will be shown of the ravages of war on the Austrian front.

Bleakley then became the first member-elect of Congress in the United States to fall victim of the Federal corrupt practices act of June, 1910. He pleaded nolle contendere, or no defense, following an investigation before the Federal Grand Jury at Erie last week, to spending in excess of \$5000 on his nomination and election.

The costs of the investigation will approximate \$1200. With the fine of \$800 Bleakley will have to pay about \$2000. The maximum penalty for the offense is a fine of \$1000 and a year's imprisonment or both. Attorney for Bleakley announced that his client had forwarded his resignation as a member of Congress from the Erie-Crawford district (the Twenty-fifth) to Governor Brumbaugh, at Harrisburg, and Speaker Champ Clark, of the House of Representatives at Washington.

NEW LIBRARY CONTRACT ATTACKED IN LAWSUIT

John F. Flinn Asks Injunction Against Award to Fuller Company Under Old Law

Steps were taken today to prevent the erection of the Free Library on the Parkway in a taxpayer's suit brought by John F. Flinn to restrain the Mayor, Director Datsman and other city officials from executing the contract awarded to the George A. Fuller Company at a price of \$2,219,000. Application for a preliminary injunction was made before Judge Patterson in Court No. 1.

The Fuller Company is permitted, according to the terms of the contract, to use stone which is cut outside of Philadelphia. It is contended by Walter B. Saul, counsel for the complainant, that this is in violation of a city ordinance of 1894, which provides that all stone used in municipal buildings must be cut in this city.

Saul attacked the legality of the methods followed by Director Datsman in changing the original proposal for the work which limited the cutting of the stone to be used in the building to Philadelphia. City Solicitor Connelly produced testimony to show that the prospective bidders had ample opportunity to go to the Department of Public Works and learn what was desired. Director Datsman cited an opinion of the late Judge John L. Kinsey that the ordinance of 1894 was illegal and void because it discriminated against parties outside of Philadelphia.

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POLES TO MOBILIZE 100,000 MEN FOR U. S.

Alliance in Convention Votes Action to Support President in Crisis

PITTSBURGH, April 5.—An army of 100,000 men is to be raised by the Polish Alliance of America and placed at the disposal of the United States.

Dr. T. I. Starzynski, national president of the alliance, which has just concluded a four days' session here, today telegraphed President Wilson tendering the services of this army and expressing the sincere admiration of the alliance "for the supremely noble humanitarian spirit which is dictating all your words and acts."

"This army," the telegram says, "composed of men whose forefathers had inscribed the words 'for our liberty and yours' on their banners, will gladly follow the American flag in the sublime fight for liberty and justice for all nations and for democratic freedom for mankind.

Polish people only ask and hope that the Government, considering the glorious ties binding their ancestry with this country of ours, allow the fighting force to bear the name of Kosciusko's army."

Man Shoots Himself Near Clubhouse

A man believed by the police to be Henry Winter, sixty-five years old, of 224 North Fifth street, died early today in the Women's Homeopathic Hospital from a bullet he fired into his temple yesterday afternoon in Fairmount Park.

The man was found lying unconscious on a bench near the Road Drivers' club. No one could be found who had heard the shot fired when Park Guard Preisig discovered the man. A revolver lay beside him on the bench.

Identification was made from letters found in the man's pockets. The police are unable to assign a motive for the suicide.

To Cut Cigar Makers' Pay

YORK, Pa., April 5.—Cigar manufacturers at Red Lion, this county, who have granted several wage increases recently, announced that they are unable to obtain orders for their product at the additional price, and will be required to make a decrease in the present scale.

Bunchers and rollers will receive nine and sixteen to eighteen cents, instead of ten and twenty cents.

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IT'S AN EVEN BREAK ON EASTER WEATHER

Shaded Spot on Forecaster's Map May Bring Rain—"Cold and Windy," Baer's Almanac

It's just an even break whether there's rain on Sunday or whether the sun and the sun alone will filter down through the chinks in Atlantic City's Boardwalk. It all depends on a little shaded spot on the weather map that's moving east.

Now, if the spot moves this way it will probably reach here late Saturday and stay with us over Sunday, with the accompanying result that a large, healthy rain will spoil the fashion parade on the Boardwalk, in Rittenhouse Square, on Fairmount avenue and in the Neck.

On the other hand, and spring tends toward optimism, the spot may move directly eastward and the only things that will be harmed in consequence will be the Easter creations in Newfoundland and Nova Scotia.

Then there's another mite on the weather microscope, but the Weather Bureau dismissed that today with a clear conscience. It was a pesky low area or something of the sort that hung over the Mississippi River, but it finally got started and will arrive before Easter, perhaps today.

But with equal assurance comes the prediction that the weather will be clear even though cold and windy. Harken thusto to the oracle, it is Baer's Agricultural Almanac, of Lancaster.

Although the prediction was made before the first of the year, it's still brief, and here it is: "The probable weather for the seventh, eighth and ninth of April will be cool and windy." That's all. "Take your choice."

J. E. Caldwell & Co. Chestnut—Juniper—South Penn Square SILVER COFFEE SETS Silver Exhibition April 2nd-14th

Easter Records for the New Edison 50334—Let the Merry Church Bells Ring 50334—Ye Happy Bells of Easter 50405—Angels Roll the Rock Away 50405—Jesus Lives 80291—He Shall Feed His Flock 80225—Jesus Christ Is Risen Today 80225—Day of Resurrection 82055—The Palms 83041—Hosanna 83041—Agnus Dei 83042—I Know That My Redeemer Liveth 83042—The Trumpet Shall Sound 83065—Crucifix 83065—Gloria Come to our Edison Shop and hear them We do not exchange or send records on approval. Our guaranteed new Edison record service appeals to those who do not wish to take a chance on buying second-hand records. The Ludwig Piano Co. 1103 Chestnut St.

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